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U. S. CUBAN BLOCKAGE

FILE

1. The international law expert of the RNN informed ALUSNA The Hague that he had been called upon by RNN for opinion regarding blockage. Declined to state exactly what he would say to RNN but gave ALUSNA "private" opinion the (1) US action is a reprisal which is a violation of international law but which is justified by being necessary to counteract Cuban violation of Article 2 paragraph 4 Charter of UN, namely threat of force against U.S. (2) Article 42 of UN Charter envisages use of blockage though in this case it will not be invoked due Russian veto in Security Council.

2. Anticipate official opinion to RNN will be essentially same as above private opinion.

3. Netherlands Prime Minister has asked CNO/RNN for RNN opinion.

4. Source: (1) Rear Admiral M. W. Mouton, RNN. (3) ALUSNA The Hague 62-3.

5. SCP-4.

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